



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigations announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Dudley L. Blackbird, age 20 of Macy, was sentenced for sexual abuse of a minor. The Honorable Lyle E. Strom, United States Senior District Court Judge, sentenced Blackbird to 18 months imprisonment. After his release from prison Blackbird will begin a 5 year term of supervised release.

Blackbird was eighteen years old when he engaged in sexual intercourse with a thirteen year old juvenile on the Omaha Indian Reservation. The thirteen year old ran away from home and remained with Blackbird over the course of four days. When the juvenile was discovered she was administered a sexual assault kit. DNA from Blackbird was found on a swab taken from the juvenile.

**Name of Defendant:** Dudley L. Blackbird

**AKA:**

**Age:** 21

**City of residence:** Macy, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Sexual abuse of a Minor, 0-15 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Macy, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Macy, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:**

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** N/A

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Between on or about the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 and the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007

**Federal Arrest Date:** September 18, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** September 15, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** September 18, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Plead guilty on January 29, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** April 22, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Thomas D. Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Held without Bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** September 18, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Lyle E. Strom

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** MPN